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The Hitch Between the Senate and the House in Regard to General Pension Legislation.

Oklahoma's Officials Confirmed—Judge Bryant's Confirmation Still Uncertain. What McKinley Will Do.

A Serious Gap.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The general pension legislation of the session must now depend upon an agreement in conference. There is a difference of opinion as to how serious the deadlock between the house and senate is, and some believe that it may endanger the passage of any bill at this session, but the general impression is that there must be some sort of a general pension bill passed into a law at this session and that an agreement must be reached. The differences between the two houses are radical and both seem to be determined, and so it is difficult to judge what is to be the outcome.

THEY DID FRY.
It has been said by several papers that Mr. Mills, in a speech in the house the other day, denied or repudiated the assertion that he had been often made that the Republicans "fried the fat out of the manufacturers" during the last campaign, and Mr. Mills said that he had never denied that the representatives did "fat frying." What he said was that he did not believe any of the gentlemen of the committee had been improperly approached. The "fat frying" talk grew out of the famous Frost letter, and what he said on the floor had nothing to do with that subject.

GRANTED RIGHT-OF-WAY.
The senate to-day passed the bill granting the right-of-way to the Texas and Fort Smith railway company through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, the provisions of which have already been published in these dispatches.

CONFIRMATIONS.
The senate has confirmed the following officials for Oklahoma: George N. Steele, governor; Robert Marlin, secretary; Horace Spink, attorney.

W. H. Cleyton, attorney for the Western district of Arkansas, has also been confirmed, and Judge Hare says that Bryant will be confirmed, but information from other sources is not so encouraging. The case is being thoroughly considered, and the feeling still prevails that Bryant's political allegiance and record is not firm enough to carry him through. He is also said to have been in the employ of the Southern Pacific railroad as an attorney, and for Ellis P. Huntington. The matter of his confirmation is still one of grave doubt.

Invalid Pension Matters.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, May 15.—Mr. Morrill, chairman of the house committee on invalid pensions and author of the house bill, said to your correspondent to-day that it would be absolutely necessary for the party to agree on the pension question and pass the bill this session, but he did not see how it could be done. He said the senate measure put a premium on indolence and shiftlessness, and was a temptation to perjury. A feeble but independent veteran who was struggling to support himself, he said, could not get the benefit of a pension, while a man who had been able to work could claim a reward for shiftlessness. The poor but energetic veteran would have to cease his efforts at self-support, or take a false oath in order to get his pension under the senate bill. The senate bill is practically the same as the one voted by Cleveland for some such defects as those pointed out by Morrill.

THE KEY WEST CIGAR MANUFACTURERS have representatives here to watch the progress of the tariff debate in the house. They are still vigorously protesting against the proviso in the first paragraph of the tobacco schedule in the McKinley bill, which gives a wrapper leaf a duty of one cent per pound, while a filler leaf is taxed at three cents per pound.

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Indications.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Forecast till 8 a. m. Friday: For Eastern Texas—Fair, stationary temperature in the southeast, lower temperature in the northwest portions, winds becoming northerly.
For Arkansas—Stationary temperature, variable winds.
WASHINGTON, May 16, 1 a. m.—For Eastern Texas, fair weather, northerly winds. Colder in northern, stationary temperature in southern portion.

Death from Heart Disease.

Special to the Gazette.
LAREDO, TEX., May 15.—About 2 o'clock this afternoon a laborer named Juan Casanova, who was engaged in moving furniture in the establishment of Messrs. Schmidt Bros., dropped dead. He was aged about forty-five years, and leaves a wife and one son. The coroner's inquest brought in a verdict of death from heart disease.

Farmers' Alliance Heard.
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The hearing of the Farmers' Alliance representatives was continued before the ways and means committee this morning. Mr. Livingston,

national lecturer of the organization, taking up the argument. He quoted President Lincoln's prophecy that corporations would be enthroned, that the property of the country would be concentrated and that the republic itself would be overthrown. That God, the last prediction had not been fulfilled, but the others had been. One twentieth of the people of this country owned three-fifths of the property. He also quoted Garfield, Jefferson and Calhoun, and said that what they had recommended was that the Alliance waited. If congress refused to approve the sub-treasury plan, then let it remove the restrictions, heiding in the national banking system. The farmers would care nothing about trusts and combination and the concentration of money if they could hold their crop in sub-treasuries, and were not compelled, as at present, to sell them at stated times in October, in the South. He could thus escape the speculation. It would be a godsend to this country to pass the sub-treasury bill for the reason that there would not be a bucket shop left in the United States. If the speculation in crops would be done away with, and the producer and consumer would be brought together. It had been charged that the farmers would form a trust, but this was against the farmer's nature. Sixteen millions would build all the warehouses the Alliance wanted. What good were the river and harbor improvements to the debt-ridden, oppressed farmer? Never more than a third of the cotton crop would be warehoused. When the certificates issued that crop came in, they would meet the needs of the wheat crop and then the tobacco crop and so on. There would not be excessive changes in the volume of currency. In conclusion, he said that if the committee thought that landed leases the best, if they could not accept the basis, let them put it in the bill. Do something to relieve the farmer. Report the bill to the house in some shape so that it could be acted upon. Don't make it a question of tariff or of politics, but let the bill stand on its merits.

Will be Returned to China.
WASHINGTON, May 15.—As a result of the correspondence between the department of justice and the treasury department it has been decided to send back to China the twenty-one Chinamen who were smuggled into this country from Mexico, and who are now in custody at San Diego. They will be transferred to San Francisco and placed on the first steamer sailing for China. This action is taken on the theory that it is cheaper and better for the government to bear the expense of their return to China than to send them back to Mexico, and the chance of their having to reenter them and send them back indefinitely.

Court Martial Finding.
WASHINGTON, May 15.—The action of the secretary of the navy in the case of Commander Bowman McCalla, late commander of the United States steamer Enterprise, was made public to-day. He was tried by court martial on five charges. The court found him guilty of all, and sentenced him "to be suspended from rank and duty for a period of three years, and retain his present number on the list of commanders while so suspended." The sentence was approved.

PROHIBITION.

Heath and St. John Address a Large Dallas Audience.

Special to the Gazette.
DALLAS, TEX., May 15.—Hon. E. C. Heath, the prohibition nominee for governor, and ex-governor John P. St. John of Kansas, spoke here to-night at the opera house to a large audience. Heath's speech consisted simply in the announcement that he had accepted the nomination tendered him and would make a canvass of the state. St. John, who produced one of his forcible and characteristic addresses, he scored the liquor men and denounced the traffic in forcible language. He arraigned weak-kneed tipping church members and declared that prohibition would never be a success until the church enforced it among its membership and Christians ceased casting their votes for license and saloons. He referred in scathing terms to the fact that the vice-president of the United States had gone into the saloon business, and that the president of the United States gave a toast with five wine glasses at the plate of each guest, and more than there were at Belshazzar's feast. He closed with an appeal to Christian men to do their duty to themselves and God by voting for prohibition, even though by so voting they should have to vote against both the Democratic and Republican parties and with a minority.

DIRECTORS MEET.

Members of the Colored Lone Star Association Meet in Council Hall.

A meeting of the board of directors of the stockholders in the Texas Colored Lone Star fair association was called to order last night at 8 o'clock with J. H. Milledge in the chair. He addressed the meeting stating the advisability of the association going to work and carrying out the demands of its charter. His remarks were very pointed and had a tendency to stir up the stockholders. Remarks were made also by Rev. T. W. Wilbourn and by L. W. Woodward. On motion by Mr. Wilbourn J. D. Johnson produced documentary evidence in regard to the financial standing of the association. Mr. Woodward moved that the association give a fair next year, and Mr. Wilbourn moved to amend by instructing the directors to meet and consider the advisability of such a step. The amendment was lost, and the original motion carried by a two-thirds majority.

The Classen Trial.
NEW YORK, May 15.—The whole of the forenoon of the Classen trial was spent in identification of checks which had passed through the hands of Pell, Classen and others. The afternoon testimony was mainly a reiteration of facts already published.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Christians Being Slaughtered by the Natives at Canea Crete.

Date Fixed for the Marriage of Prince Chimay and Miss Ward—A Holyhead Harbor Scheme.

Gladstone Explains His Language Concerning John Chinaman in a Recent Speech—Spinning Mills Burned.

Gladstone Explains.

Special to the Gazette.
LONDON, May 15.—Mr. Gladstone has written a letter in explanation of his remarks on the Chinese question on the occasion of his presentation of an address to Thomas Bailey Potter at the Cobden club on Monday last when he criticized the anti-Chinese laws in operation in the United States, and declared Chinese were more dreaded for their virtues than their vices. The liberal leader says that he did not mean to be understood as favoring unlimited Chinese immigration, but that in limited numbers they are no more harmful than other races or classes. He admits that legislation restricting the number of Chinese to be annually landed is necessary, but condemns the policy of wholly closing the ports to people of one nationality while leaving them open to others no more desirable as citizens.

HE AIDED EVICTED TENANTS.

Professor Harrison, who was elected to parliament to-day for the middle division of Tipperary, is the same gentleman who was arrested and committed to London Jail a year ago on a charge of assisting evicted tenants. His offense consisted in his having provided food for starving evictees from the Gweedore estate of Capt. O'Flaherty, who were famishing by the roadside. William, son of this man, in which he was aided by several others, a sergeant of police came along with a posse of men and ordered him to desist. Harrison refused to go, and was arrested. Professor Harrison is an Oxford graduate, an able politician and a fluent debater.

A POOR PEOPLE'S BANK.

Gen. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, has opened a bank for the benefit of the poor whose deposits would not be received by ordinary banking institutions owing to the smallness of the sums tendered. He explained that his object is not to make money except for those who transact business with the bank.

SPINNING MILLS BURNED.

Immense spinning mills at Lodge, near Warsaw in Russian Poland, were burned to the ground to-day, entailing upon the owners a loss of 1,000,000 roubles. The mill employed upwards of 1000 hands, and those will be thrown out of work for several months.

SPECULATORS UNEASY.

The life time proposed in Mexico for President Diaz is commented on with considerable favor by conservative journals as showing that Spanish-Americans are not able to bear the strain of republican institutions. Mexican securities, however, do not seem to have shared in the optimistic view of a dictatorship for that republic, and investors are uneasy over the prospect of a revolution.

A Holyhead Harbor Scheme.

Special to the Gazette.
LIVERPOOL, May 15.—A special meeting of the Holyhead local board has been held to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the offer of the London and Northwestern railway company to remove the plaiter rocks in the Holyhead harbor. The company offers to spend half a million sterling to move the rocks twenty-five feet below low water mark, and also to build a deep water quay. A portion of the harbor is at present worthless on account of the presence of the rocks. There is a great opposition in Liverpool to the scheme, as should it be carried out Holyhead will most probably be made the port for Atlantic steamers, and the result will be a saving of ten hours to both passenger and mail service. Large Atlantic steamship companies are undoubtedly in favor of the movement, and a resolution has been passed asking the government to accept the offer, also pointing out the natural advantages of Holyhead.

The Date Fixed.

Special to the Gazette.
PARIS, May 15.—The marriage of Prince Chimay to Miss Clara Ward is fixed for next Tuesday, and is to take place in the chapel of the papal nunciature, this city. Lord Lytton, British ambassador, and Whitelaw Reid, American minister, will act as witnesses for the American bride, and the same office will be performed for Prince Chimay by his countrymen, the Belgian minister and Duo Fezenasoo.

Slaughtering Christians.

Special to the Gazette.
ATHENS, May 15.—The news comes from Canea Crete that the Musselmans are at their old work of slaughtering Christians. The latter defend themselves as best they can, and in villages where they are strong make reprisals on the Turks. The government is again in a state of chaos.

Shall the Pope be King, or a Prisoner?

LONDON, May 15.—The fact that the Italian bishops opposed the promulgation of the dogma is not to be taken as evidence of their belief that the occupant of the chair of St. Peter should be temporal as well as spiritual. The sovereign clergy of Italy are placed in a position of special peculiarity with regard to expression of opinion on matters touching the relation of the church and state that a positive declaration of approval could be expected from them, while the laity have long since fallen into a state of apathy as regards both pope and king, owing to the unchanging condition of antagonism between the papacy and quinquennial, which a lapse of twenty years has not sufficed to mollify or even change in character. The church party in the Italian parliament is slowly increasing in strength, and to this extent it may be said that the popular feeling in favor of the restoration of the papal kingdom has grown. The people simply lost all interest in the matter because of the quiescence of the two opposing forces, and not one in the present condition can claim approval of the populace in its course. Therefore nothing short of overt hostilities between the papacy and government can arouse the people of Italy to an active interest in the question, whether the pope shall also be a king or whether he shall remain as he is, a virtual prisoner in the largest palace in the world.

A Theme of Discussion Among Catholics.

LONDON, May 15.—The threatened promulgation by the pope of the dogma, that temporal power of the pontiff, of which the church was deprived by the advent of Victor Emmanuel into Rome in 1870, is essential to complete the majesty of the vice-regent of Christ on earth, and is a theme of general discussion in Catholic circles on the continent. A decision of sixty-six of the hundred bishops whose views of matters were solicited by the pope, that the present time is opportune for the declaration of this principle evinces a positive swerving of popular opinion, for it is not to be presumed that these prelates have all or even a considerable minority of them, contrary to the known tendencies of their flocks.

Riotous Strikers.

VIENNA, May 15.—Striking workmen in Moravia continue to maintain a riotous attitude, and are committing numerous outrages. At Neutitschein the men employed in quarries who are on a strike stormed the houses of the officials of quarries and tried to murder the director of one of them. Greg d'Armes finally quelled the disturbance after a conflict with the strikers, during which a number of men were wounded.

THREATENED DESTRUCTION.

BILNO, May 15.—Striking miners in this district have assumed a very menacing attitude, and threaten to make raids upon the houses of mine owners. Bodies of troops are guarding the works at the mines.

Anti-Slavery Conference.

BRUSSELS, May 15.—The independence of Belgium says that at the last meeting of the anti-slavery conference now in session in this city, Mr. Terrell, United States minister, objected to the proposal made by Baron Lambert, Belgian minister of state, to levy duties on imports into the Congo basin. Mr. Terrell urged in support of his objection that the anti-slavery conference was not qualified to revise decisions of the Berlin conference. Other delegates to the conference, the independence of Belgium says, are surprised at the objection raised by Mr. Terrell.

Charles Emory Smith.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—Charles Emory Smith, new American minister to Russia, presented his credentials to the czar yesterday. The czar subsequently gave audience to Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

The Delegates Have Gathered and Are Ready for Business—A Grand Street Parade.

Special to the Gazette.

PALESTINE, TEX., May 15.—For the first time in his history it becomes the proud duty of this city to entertain the state firemen in annual convention. A heavy rain fell here Tuesday and it was feared that we would have a wet time of it, but this morning dawned bright and clear, and every citizen started on the duty of giving the honored visitors from all the principal cities in attendance. A grand parade was formed and the line of march taken up at 10 a. m. with the famous Houston Light Guard band leading. Next followed the Dillies Riders in truly martial style, then followed Union and Confederate veterans, handsomely decorated trucks, carriages, etc., and finally the visitors, making in all a line extending over a mile long and a very pleasing reflection of credit alike on our town and visitors.

All participating in the parade assembled in our opera hall and services were opened with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Crozier. Addresses of welcome were made by his honor, Mayor Ward, on behalf of the city; Sam Houston, on behalf of the press, and Ector L. Gammon on behalf of the firemen. Response was made by President Livey in truly eloquent style, after which the convention adjourned.

At night an entertainment was given the firemen at the opera house by our local talent. The prominent features were the trades drill by forty school girls, the statue drill by twelve young ladies and songs by Miss Frankie Sawyers. The town is profusely decorated, and everybody is happy. Several delegations were delayed on account of washouts and high water, but all are expected here in due time to-morrow. An interesting programme has been arranged for each day during this week and we hope to please our visitors. The Dillies rides will give an exhibition drill Thursday evening, after which a grand banquet will be given the firemen at the opera house.

Dick Duncan Habeas Corpus Case.

Special to the Gazette.
SAN ANTONIO, TEX., May 15.—City Judge Maxey of the federal district court delivered his opinion to-day in the sensational habeas corpus case of Dick Duncan, which was tried before him yesterday. Judge Maxey refused the writ and remanded Duncan to jail to wait execution. The applicant's attorney will appeal the case to the United States supreme court.

An "Original Package" Case.

BANGOR, ME., May 15.—James McGuire, respondent in the "original package" case, was fined \$100 and costs or ninety days in jail by Judge Brett in the municipal court to-day, it being held he was amenable to the state. He appealed the case to the supreme court.